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Application of: Frattini *et al.* Confirmation No.: 4759  
Serial No.: 10/014,619 Art Unit: 3641  
Filed: December 10, 2001 Examiner: Palabrica, Ricardo Jr.  
For: *Apparatus and Method for  
Ultrasonically Cleaning  
Irradiated Nuclear Fuel  
Assemblies* Attorney Docket No: 9842-306-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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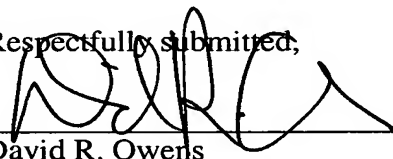
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2003 be extended for a period of one month from September 9, 2003 to and including October 9, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: October 9, 2003

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